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#### SUMMER 2023

Making Prevention More Common than Treatment

## **CEO's Letter**



#### Dear Dientes Family,

Summer continues to shine, and so does our collective impact on the community!

With your generous support, we've achieved remarkable accomplishments this year.

Our newest partnership with Delta Dental and Salud will help develop innovative programs to ensure seniors have access to oral health care.

# We believe that access to quality and affordable dental care for is essential to a healthy community.

This can only be achieved with the help of people like you who support the good work we do. Your support allows our team to have an even farther reach in the community through programs like Outreach, which reduces barriers to care by bringing services directly to patients.

# Your generosity allows us to do our part by providing equitable oral health care to our neighbors.

We remain committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in everything we do. We recognize that our community is diverse, and we strive to create an environment where everyone has access to affordable dental services.

#### Without your continued support, we could not provide the life changing dental care that so many desperately need.

Thank you!

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Laura Marcus, CEO

#### Make a difference!

To give the gift of a healthy smile, visit: **dientes.org/donate** 



#### **Delta Dental Senior Oral Health Coalition**

The Delta Dental Community Care Foundation announced the addition of Dientes Community Dental and Salud Para La Gente to its Senior Oral Health Coalition Program! The program launched to address the oral health crisis among older adults in the U.S.

"With a growing senior population across the country, access to quality and affordable dental care for lowincome seniors is an important part of our mission to provide dignity through dentistry," said Laura Marcus, chief executive officer, Dientes.



"This partnership with the Community Care Foundation and our colleague in health, Salud, will create a model that other communities can use to expand access to dental care for our seniors."

The goal of this partnership is to decrease the disparities and barriers seniors face in receiving oral health care. This program will ensure all seniors have access to the quality dental care they deserve and need to live healthy lives.



#### **Pioneer Street Expansion**

We are excited to announce our newest clinic expansion in the Harvey West neighborhood. Our former 4-chair Beach Flats clinic closed and shifted operations to the new 5-chair clinic on Pioneer Street in July 2023. The move provides an updated facility and increased capacity to serve more patients.



## WHAT people are SAYING

Dientes has helped me improve my overall health and help me pursue my goals without being in pain. Their care allowed me to be brave within the clinic because I felt heard, which allowed me to go out in the world and be brave. It has been a model to approach the world and has impacted my life.

- Amber, Dientes patient



# **Partnership Spotlight**

Beyond life saving shelter, Housing Matters provides a variety of services for people experiencing homelessness. Dientes' Outreach program partners with Housing Matters to provide comprehensive care at a one-chair dental clinic on the Housing Matters Campus.

Thanks to this valuable resource and partnership, we have provided life changing care to so many. Take Porter, a patient of Dlentes who was in dire need of dentures. Despite being a month away from his appointment, Porter was welcomed with open arms and given his new dentures right away. Porter said, "You know without any teeth how embarrassing it can be when you smile, I love my new dentures and am happy I can smile again around other people."

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